

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 have been presented for examination in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

Claims 1-14 have been rejected in the Office Action dated April 05, 2007.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, and 12 have been amended by this Amendment A.

Claims 1-14 are still in the application and reconsideration of the Application is hereby respectfully requested.

Referring to the Paragraph 1 of the Office Action dated April 05, 2007, Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to include reference mentioned in the Specification. By this Amendment A, Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 have been amended to include the reference signs indicated as missing by Examiner. Therefore, objection to the drawings has been answered by this Amendment A.

Referring to Paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the drawings have been objected to as including reference characters not found in the Specification. By this Amendment A, the Specification has been amended to include the reference characters referred to by Examiner. Therefore, objection to the drawings as including reference

1 characters not found in the Specification has been answered
2 by amendment.

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4 Referring to Paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the
5 Specification has been objected to as failing to provide an
6 antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. In the
7 rejection of the Claims, Examiner has specified the
8 particular Claim portions that were not found in the
9 Specification. In response, Applicant's attorney has added
10 phrases found in the Claims to the Specification. Because
11 the entire Application, including the Claims, forms the
12 Disclosure, it is therefore not inappropriate to take
13 language from the Claims and add this material to the
14 Specification. Therefore the objection to the
15 Specification as not providing an antecedent basis for the
16 claimed subject matter has been answered by the amendments
17 to the Specification described below.

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19 Referring to Paragraph 4 of the Office Action, Claims
20 1 and 9 have been objected to because of informalities of
21 the language of each Claim kindly pointed out by Examiner.
22 The two informalities of language have been corrected by
23 amendment to the Claims. Therefore, objection to Claims 1
24 and 9 have been answered by amendment.

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26 Referring to Paragraphs 5 and 6, Claims 4 and 8-14
27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first Paragraph, as
28 failing to comply with the enablement requirement of
29 Paragraph 112.

1 With respect to the rejection of Claim 4, the language
2 cited by Examiner, that is not supported by the
3 Specification, has been added by amendment to the Paragraph
4 inserted after Line 11, Page 6. Note that because the user
5 input for normal operation and for the new mode of
6 operation appear in a different order in Claims 1 and 4 and
7 in Claim 9, the added Paragraph does not identify the user
8 input by number. Claims 4 and 9 have been amended to
9 clarify that these are first and second inputs and not
10 first and second users.

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12 With respect to the rejection of Claim 8, the phrase
13 pointed out by Examiner is similar to that which is the
14 basis amendment of the Specification as a result of the
15 language in Claim 4, the language being added to the new
16 Paragraph inserted after Line 11, page 6.

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18 With respect to the rejection of Claim 9, the normal
19 mode of operation is described in the Paragraph describing
20 Fig. 1. The Paragraph beginning on Line 1, Page 2 has been
21 amended to indicate that the "normal" mode of operation is
22 the operation as described in the Prior Art. The auto-
23 exposure operation has been added to the normal mode of
24 operation of the Prior Art.

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26 Referring to the rejection of Claim 10, the
27 Specification now describes a mode of operation in which a
28 user can activate the shutter immediately. That this
29 performed by a user third input is a function of structure

1 of the Claims in which two other inputs by users interacted
2 with user input function.

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4 Referring to the rejection of Claim 14, the Paragraph
5 beginning on Line 1, Page 2 has been amended to include the
6 coordination of the flash assembly and the shutter
7 assembly.

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9 Summarizing, each of the reasons for rejection of the
10 Claims in Paragraph 5 and 6 of the Office Action have been
11 addressed by incorporating the language of the Claim into
12 the Specification. Because the language was already in the
13 Claims, and therefore, part of the disclosure, the
14 inclusion of the language in the Specification is not new
15 matter. Therefore, rejection of Claims 4 and 8-14 under 35
16 U.S.C. 112, first Paragraph, has been answered by
17 amendment.

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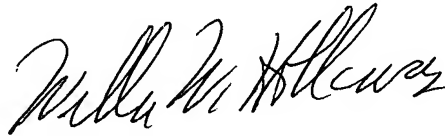
19 Referring to Paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Office Action,
20 Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, and 11-13 have been rejected under 325
21 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by *Usuha* (JP 07-333710 A).
22 The priority date on the *Usuha* reference is given as
23 10.6.1994. Enclosed herewith are photocopies of the
24 Disclosure in Texas Instruments' file TI-35545, the basis
25 for Applicant's U.S. Patent application. The date of that
26 the disclosure reached the TI Patent Organization is shown
27 by the RECEIVED stamp as being OCT 29 2002, thereby clearly
28 prior to the Priority Date of the *Usuha* reference. While
29 in the photocopy, every other Page is Date Stamped, the
30 document is double-sided so that in the original every Page

1 has a Date Stamp. Applicant's attorney has dated and
2 initialed the photocopy herewith submitted to indicate that
3 he has personally checked the photocopy with the original
4 copy in File TI-35545. There was never an intention to
5 abandon this invention and the application was diligently
6 prepared. The enclosed photocopy indicates that inventor
7 DeMoor had conceived the invention prior to the Priority
8 Date of the *Usuha* reference. Therefore, rejection of
9 Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is
10 respectfully traversed.

1 **CONCLUSION**

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3 In view of the foregoing discussion and the foregoing
4 amendments, it is believed that Claims 1-14 are now in
5 condition for allowance and allowance of Claims 1-14 is
6 respectfully requested. Applicant hereby respectfully
7 requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this
8 Application.

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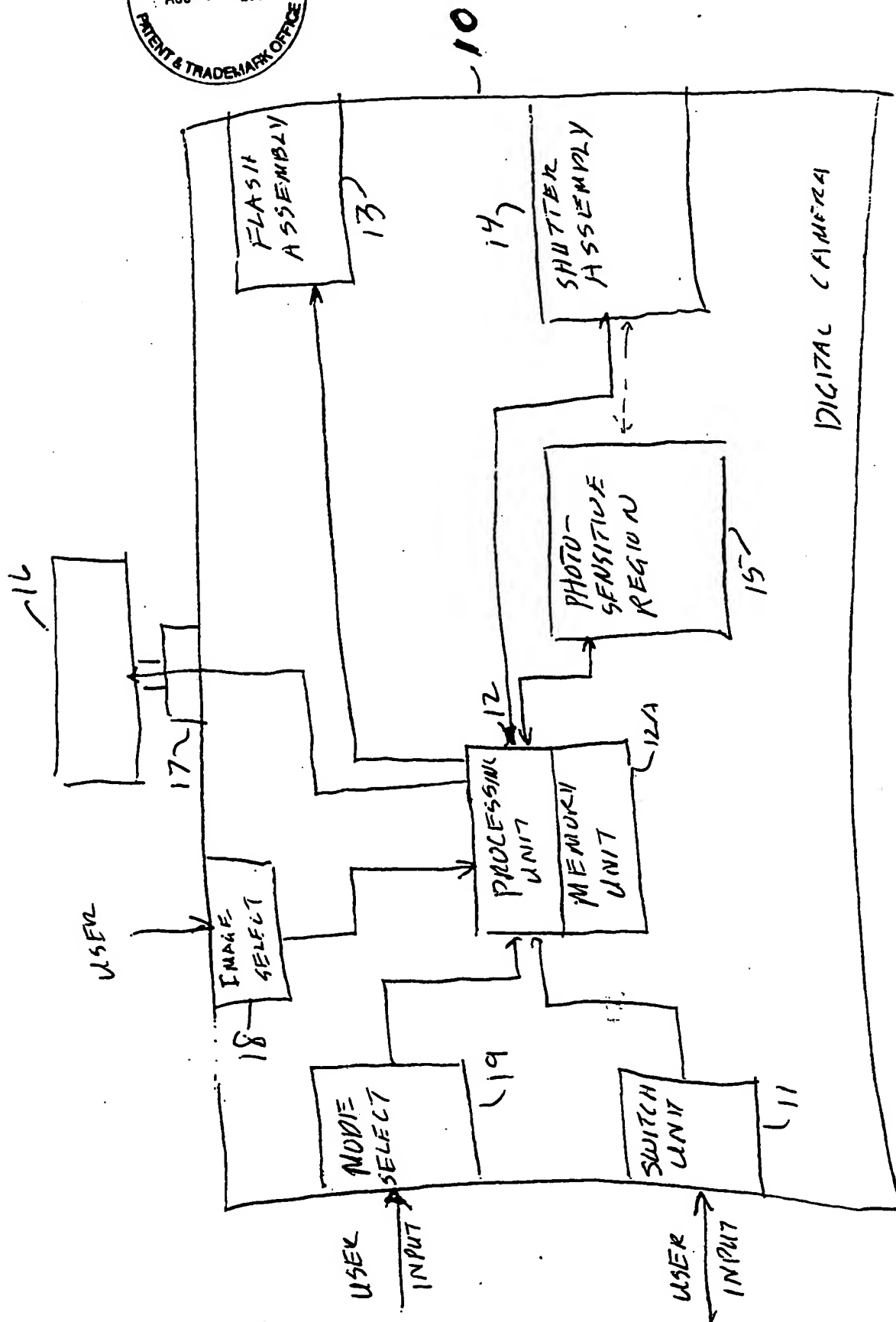


Fig. 1 (PRIOR ART)

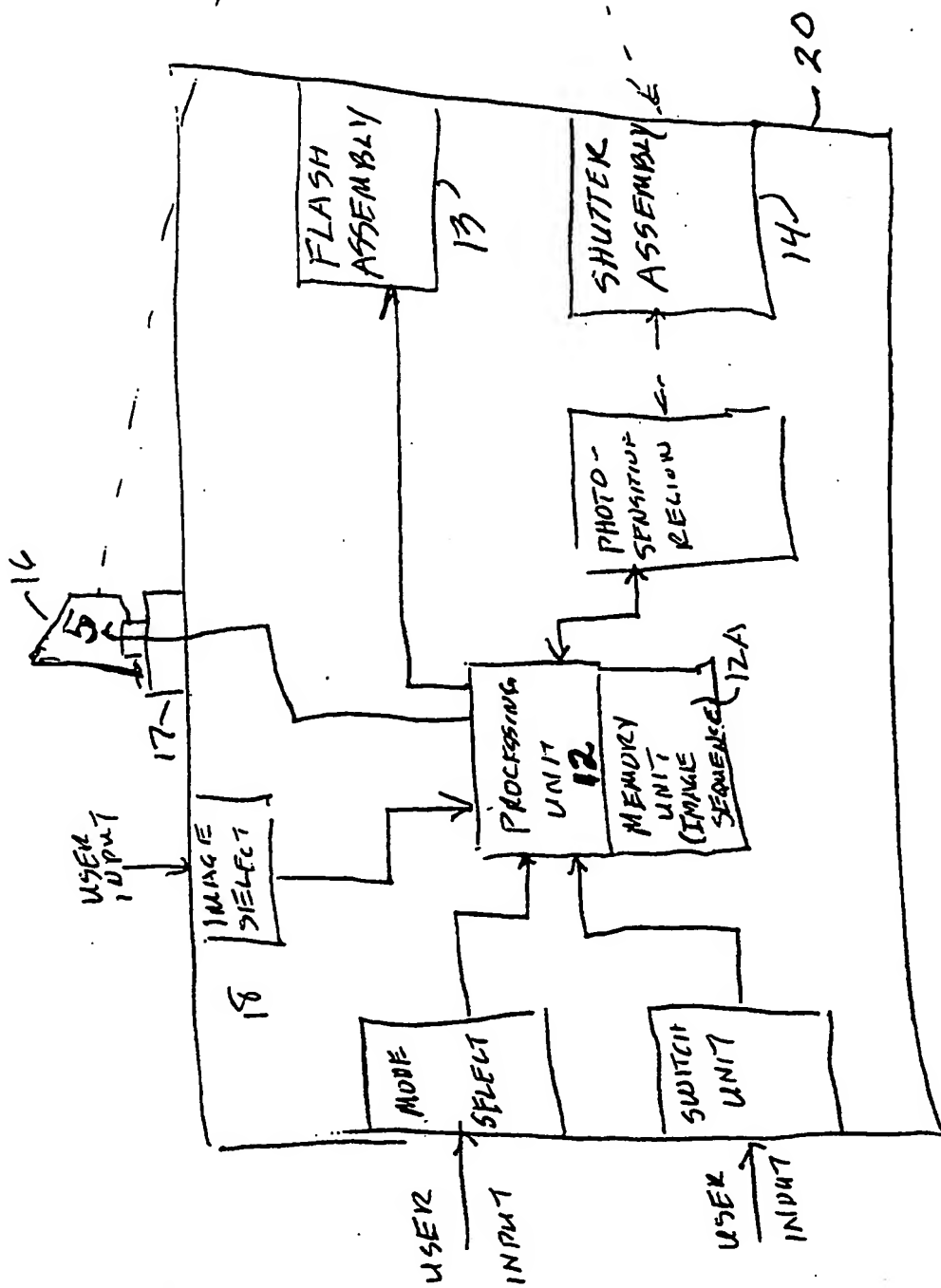


Fig. 2